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**Iraqi Police graduate 282 from advanced, specialty courses**

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The Iraqi Police Service graduated 282 police officers from advanced and specialty courses at the Adnan Training Facility August 25 as part of the Iraqi government's ongoing effort to train its security forces, according to the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq.

The courses consist of Basic Criminal Investigations with 54 graduates, Advanced Criminal Investigations with 22 graduates, Interview and Interrogations with 25 graduates, Violent Crime Investigation with 15 graduates, Critical Incident Management with 26 graduates, Criminal Intelligence with 24 graduates, First-Line Supervision with six graduates, Mid-Level Management with 17 graduates, Executive Leadership Development with 27 graduates, and Election Security with 66 graduates.

The Basic Criminal Investigation course, designed to introduce participants to basic concepts of criminal investigation, covers topics such as theft, burglary, arson, robbery, sexual offenses, and homicide investigation. Students receive classroom instruction and hands-on training in fingerprinting, photography, tool marks and plaster casting techniques. To date, 2,415 police officers have completed the Basic Criminal Investigations course.

The Advanced Criminal Investigation course provides participants with advanced investigative techniques to be used in a variety of situations, but particularly in investigations of homicide, kidnapping, terrorism and bombings. This course has graduated 73 students to date.

The Interviews & Interrogations course covers advanced interview and interrogation techniques and includes instruction on the preservation and protection of human rights, and the importance of ethical behavior during interviews and interrogations. To date, 611 students have completed this course.

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The Violent Crime Investigation course introduces participants to investigative techniques to be used in a variety of situations, but particularly in violent crimes including armed robbery, rape and murder. This course has graduated 609 students to date.

Critical Incident Management is designed to provide participants with the understanding of and application skills for managing critical incidents. To date, 586 students have graduated from this course.

The Criminal Intelligence course provides training in the planning, collection, analysis and distribution of intelligence information. This course also equips participants with the ability to recognize trends that may have an impact on public safety and security. This course has graduated 389 students to date.

The First-Line Supervision course focuses on major leadership areas for front line supervisors including human rights training, ethics and corruption, policing in a democracy, and interpersonal skills critical to effective leadership. To date, 496 students have graduated from this course.

Executive Leadership covers executive level concepts of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, coordinating, reporting and budgeting. Other topics include visionary leadership, organizational values, interpersonal communication skills, motivational techniques and strategies, along with strategic planning. To date, 359 officers have graduated from this course.

Mid-Level Management is a course designed for supervisors who are responsible for managing the first line supervisors and their assigned personnel. To date, 412 students have completed this course.

The Election Security course covers the responsibilities of the police to ensure peaceful elections. Potential threats and areas of concern are examined from the standpoint of security and protection of candidates and the voting public during the election period. To date, 384 officers have completed the course which includes a train-the-trainer component to enable participants to serve as trainers in their respective police stations.

Officers who participated in these courses previously completed either an 8-week basic training course for new recruits or a 3-week 'transitional integration program' course designed for police officers currently serving, who have received little or no basic training. The police officers report back for continued duty at their respective stations immediately.

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